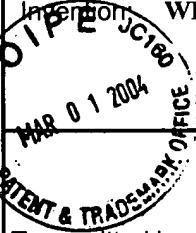
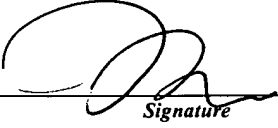


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. 09432/183002	
Applicant(s): David L. MALLIS, et al.					
Serial No. 09/977,746	Filing Date October 15, 2001		Examiner E. Nicholson		Group Art Unit 3679
Invention: WEDGE THREAD WITH TORQUE SHOULDER					
			RECEIVED		
			MAR 08 2004		
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	18 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0591</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</div>					
 Signature			Dated: _____		
Jonathan P. Osha, Reg. No. 33,986 OSHA NOVAK & MAY L.L.P. 1221 McKinney Street, Suite 2800 Houston, Texas 77010 Telephone: (713) 228-8600 Facsimile: (713) 228-8778			<div>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</div> <div>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> <div>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div>		
CC:					

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10)Applicant(s): **David L. MALLIS, et al.**

Docket No.

09432/183002

Serial No.

09/977,746

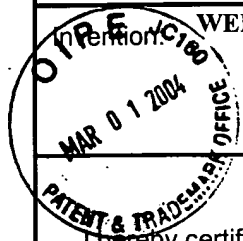
Filing Date

October 15, 2001

Examiner

E. Nicholson

Group Art Unit

3679**WEDGE THREAD WITH TORQUE SHOULDER**

I hereby certify that the following correspondence:

Response to Office Action dated December 16, 2003*(Identify type of correspondence)*

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

March 1, 2004*(Date)***Charlotte L. Cookingham***(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)**(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)***EV 323173152 US***("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)***Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.**